GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION FOR HANDICAPPED IN ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS/LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps, LPG agencies given to the handicapped persons out ofthe total allotment by pubic sector oil companies during the period from January 1, 1998 to November 1, 2001;

(b) whether Kerosene is being mixed with petrol;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to check this adultration; and

(d) whether the Government have taken any action against any petrol pumps selling kerosene mixed petrol instead of ethanol mixed petrol?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) 84 Retail Outlet dealerships and 103 LPG distributorships have been allotted under the Physically Handicapped (PH) Category by the public sector oil marketing companies during the period 1.1.1998 to 1.11.2001.

(b): There are several adulterants including Kerosene which could be used for adulterating petrol and diesel. Specific case of mixing of Kerosene with petrol has not come to the notice of Government.

(c): The Oil Marketing Companies have evolved a system of periodic/surprise check of retail outlets for detecting adulteration.Apart from this, the Anti-Adulteration Cell set up in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas also carries out inspection of retail outlets for checking adulteration.

(d): As and when any case of adulteration comes to the notice of the Oil Marketing Companies, action is taken against the erring dealer in line with Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or the Dealership Agreement.